

**TRADE PROMOTION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine strategic implications of trade promotion and capacity-building in the Asia-Pacific region, after receiving testimony from Kurt Tong, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, and Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, both of the Department of State; and Jason Foley, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, Agency for International Development.

**FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY REFORM**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal real property reform, focusing on how cutting red tape and better management could achieve billions in savings, after receiving testimony from David Mader, Controller, Office of Management and

Budget; Norman Dong, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and David Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

**HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health information technology, focusing on what providers and the Department of Health and Human Services can do to improve electronic health record user experience, after receiving testimony from Vindell Washington, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Timothy A. Pletcher, Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services, East Lansing; and Meryl Moss, Coastal Medical, Inc., Providence, Rhode Island.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 2788–2797; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 57; and H. Res. 317–320, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2580, to provide for a technical change to the Medicare long-term care hospital moratorium exception, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–156);

H. Res. 319, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 160) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1190) to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board (H. Rept. 114–157);

H.R. 2506, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–158, Part 1);

H.R. 2507, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish an annual rulemaking schedule for payment rates under Medicare Advantage, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–159, Part 1);

H.R. 2579, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–160, Part 1); and

H.R. 2581, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a 3-year demonstration program to test the use of value-based insurance design methodologies under eligible Medicare Advantage plans, to preserve Medicare beneficiary choice under Medicare Advantage, to revise the treatment under the Medicare program of infusion drugs furnished through durable medical equipment, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–161, Part 1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hultgren to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Pages H4386, H4395**

**Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014—Order of Business:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider in the House H. Con. Res. 55, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014, other than Armed Forces required to protect United States diplomatic facilities and personnel, from Iraq and Syria, if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except for two hours of debate equally divided among and controlled by Representatives Royce, Engel, and McGovern or their respective designees. **Page H4389**

**Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016:** The House passed H.R. 2596, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 369.

**Pages H4396–H4421**

Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 368.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–19 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill. **Page H4404**

Agreed to:

Israel amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to provide a report to the congressional intelligence and defense committees on the trends related to tunnel use by our adversaries and an update on collaborative efforts with partner countries;

**Pages H4404–05**

Israel amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to provide a report to the congressional intelligence and defense committees on the cyber threat trends identified by the Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center, an assessment of collaborative efforts between federal agencies, and recommendations to improve those collaborative efforts;

**Pages H4405–06**

Crowley amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that allows the Director of National Intelligence to provide grants to Hispanic-serving institutions of higher education for the purpose of offering advanced foreign language programs deemed in the immediate interest of the intelligence community and for study abroad and cultural immersion programs;

**Pages H4406–07**

Keating amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires a report on intelligence sharing with members of the EU and NATO regarding the travel of foreign fighters to and from Iraq and Syria and an analysis of the challenges impeding coordinated intelligence efforts;

**Pages H4407–08**

Keating amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that restores reporting requirement on the progress of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in implementing information-sharing principles;

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Rooney (FL) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires a report detailing the Intelligence Community's utilization of the National Science Foundation's CyberCorps Scholarship for Service program;

**Pages H4409–10**

Moulton amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires a report and briefing regarding the impacts on the intelligence community (IC) of the recently disclosed cyber breach at OPM;

**Pages H4410–11**

Turner amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report to Congress on the funding of political parties and NGOs in former Soviet states by the Russian Federation and the security and intelligence services of the Russian Federation;

**Pages H4411–12**

Farr amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report on continuous evaluation of security clearance;

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Sinema amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that expresses the sense of Congress that the Intelligence Community should dedicate necessary resources to defeating the revenue mechanisms of the Islamic State; directs the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report on the strategy efforts;

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Crowley amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires a report from the Director of National Intelligence on possibilities for growing national security cooperation between the United States, Israel, and India; **Pages H4413–14**

Wilson (SC) amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that directs the Director of National Intelligence to study how we measure cyber attacks and report to the relevant committees in both a classified and unclassified format; **Pages H4414–15**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to report to Congress on the nexus between terrorist groups and wildlife trafficking, how wildlife trafficking impacts U.S. national security, and key actors and facilitators of wildlife trafficking; **Pages H4415–16**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit a report that represents the coordinated assessment of the intelligence community on how terrorists and terrorist organizations are using social media; and **Pages H4416–17**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that requires the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a strategy to defeat ISIL and al-Qaeda. **Pages H4417–18**

Rejected:

Schiff amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–155) that sought to strike four sections of the bill which add new restrictions to prevent the Administration from closing the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp (by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 367). **Pages H4408–09, H4418–19**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4421**

H. Res. 315, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2596) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 366, after the previous question was ordered.

**Pages H4389–95**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:02 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H4418**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, as well as his written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement concerning the

Agreement—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–43).

**Pages H4395–96**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page 4389.

**Senate Referral:** S. 565 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4395, H4418–19, H4420–21, and H4421. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

### CHILD NUTRITION ASSISTANCE: ARE FEDERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS SERVING THE BEST INTERESTS OF SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES?

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Child Nutrition Assistance: Are Federal Rules and Regulations Serving the Best Interests of Schools and Families?”. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing on H.R. 511, the “Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act”. Testimony was heard from Creigh Deeds, Senator, State of Virginia; former Representative Patrick J. Kennedy; and public witnesses.